



# Highlands Happenings

**September 3, 2015**

## From our Presiding ELCA Bishop!

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## THIS SUNDAY Father - Daughter Photography Exhibition

As you may know, Ray and his daughter Jessie LeJeune traveled to Cuba to take part in a National Geographic photography tour, in May of this year. Together, they took over 30,000 photos. Starting this Sunday, you can see some of them displayed in the Narthex. This will be a changing exhibit so that you will be able to see many pieces of their work and on **September 6<sup>th</sup>** they will give a presentation, right after worship service.

## Moms' Group Updates

Reminder from the Moms' Group: we are having a celebration for Melissa Walters and baby Remington on September 12 at 10:00. We will meet at Sara Milius' house: 8791 Oakwood Street, Westminster 80031.

**Please let us know if you can make it before Sept. 5.**

We will be putting together a basket full of baby girl clothes, diapers, wipes, etc. If you would like to contribute to this gift, you can either buy an item for the basket or give money to one of us. We would like to put the basket together over the weekend of Sept. 5. If you plan to contribute, please let us know before this date so we can plan accordingly.

## September is Suicide Prevention Month

Highlands Lutheran Church has helped support the work of the Second Wind Fund for the past ten years. The Fund provides access to counseling for children and youth who are identified as being at-risk of suicide, but are either uninsured or under-insured. *Here are three opportunities this month to support and get involved-*

**September 12 & 13:** ChileFest at Centennial Center Park

**September 14:** 7 pm candlelight service at Genesis Presbyterian Church, 5705 South Simms Street

**September 27:** The 2015 Second Wind Walk/Run is at Clement Park For more information

contact [www.thesecondwindfund.org](http://www.thesecondwindfund.org) or Ken Wiig.

## ELDERBERRIES

Marsha and Robert Reynolds are hosting Elderberries at the Botanic Gardens on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

Bring your sack lunch and come watch painters in the gardens! Senior cost is \$9.50. Latecomers are welcome too—just let Marsha know when you RSVP: 720-941-0719 or [marsha.s.reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:marsha.s.reynolds@gmail.com).

## ADULT FORUM

There was an error in the newsletter this week: Adult Forum, at 8:45 on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> will be a discussion moderated by Iliff Theological Seminary professor Becky Chabot. The topic will be *Theological Ethics: who are we called to be, and how are we called to act? How to Read the Bible*, with Pr. Dena, take place on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:45.

### Theater and Theology

Theater and Theology will kick off its 2015-2016 season with *Lookingglass Alice* on Tuesday September 22. Tickets are \$35. **The deadline to purchase tickets is September 8<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to sign-up at the table in the Narthex.**

### Bienvenidos Food Bank

The church council has approved HLC to become a drop-off center for Bienvenidos Food Bank! More details to follow. Please continue to place nonperishable items in the baskets in the narthex. **During September, we will be collecting rice (1- or 2-lb bags and canned fruit).**

### God's Work. Our Hands Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup>!

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Come for a short worship service and be prepared to participate in a couple of service projects, and a spaghetti lunch afterwards. **Nursery school classes** for 3 to 5 year olds will also begin on the 13th, starting at 9:45am. Details to follow in a congregational e-mail.



### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SUNDAY September 20<sup>th</sup>! ON THE LAWN!

Highland Christian Church and Highlands Lutheran Church will have a joint blessing of the animals Sunday worship service!

Bring your pet or a picture of your pet right at 10:00 am. The whole service is focused on St. Francis and his love for animals, and on the blessing of our beloved pets. They are given to us by God for companionship, comfort and consolation. Pastor Sondra Tilsley will lead the service. Outside fellowship to follow.

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### Rummage and Bake Sale - October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9-12

The HLC Moms are organizing a rummage sale of children's items. Please spread the word to anyone who might have items to donate. Post on Facebook, and get the word out! We need clothes, toys, nursery items, books, etc! Donations can be dropped off as needed. You can put all donations on the stage which is located in the basement of the church. If people need to arrange to have items picked up, we can do that! Pass their name and number along to Maren ([916-402-8766](tel:916-402-8766) call or text) if you can't get it to church.

### SAFONIA

Safonia has started practicing in the sanctuary on Tuesday nights in preparation for their next concert, which will be held October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Watch for news about ticket sales.

### Jesus Seminar on the Road

Planning ahead: November 13-14 at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church - The Jesus Seminar on the Road: the Other Bible-Early Christianity Beyond the Canon.

**May God bless you and keep you in His Grace!**